Philadelphia
Nov. 6th 1861

W. L. Garrison
Boston Mass.

132

Sir

There can be but little doubt from recent foreign advices that the British Aristocracy and Manchester men contemplate intervention in American affairs in behalf of the slave power, if it is possible to drag the British government into it together with that of France.

It is hardly necessary to add, that the success of this movement involves the success of the slaveholders rebellion. But I think that it involves something much more portentous to the whole civilized world.

The aptitude for war displayed by the

rebels proves that African slavery is as good a school for war, as it is for politics, and that its pupils, with the advantages of the natural resources which they command, may not only be able to protect their "Alma Mater" in case of a dissolution of the Union, but to extend the institution to other regions where it does not now exist.

This view of the subject is sufficiently plausible to excite apprehension in every reflecting mind both in this country and ~~beyond the limits of this republic~~ in Europe.

Permit me therefore to urge the adoption of a suggestion which appeared some time since in the public prints. the instantaneous dispatch to Europe of abolition missionaries to rouse the antislavery enthusiasm of England and thus defeat the proposed interference. Should the rebellion succeed all your friends

in this country will be placed in a most distressing situation, at the same time that the success of the cause which they have labored to promote will be imperiled; for the rise of this new power promises, if not nipped in the bud, to exercise the same influence over the antislavery agitation that the order of jesuits exerted over the reformation.

Yours truly

J. Livingston